

High Holidays 5757

All High Holiday services, except second day Rosh Hashanah, will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street, San Francisco. Second day Rosh Hashanah services will be held at Sha'ar Zahav. *Please note change in time for Yizkor and Neilah.*

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 13, at 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 14, at 9:30 am

Sunday, September 15, at 9:30 am

Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 22, at 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 23

Shacharit 9:30 am

Mincha 3:30 pm

Names 4:30 pm

Yizkor 5:30 pm

Neilah 6:15 pm

Main sanctuary doors open after 6:30 pm for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre.

Change in Ticket Policy

For the first time, tickets will be required for all seats at all services. There will be separate passes for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. These will not be collected by the ushers, but must be shown for admission to all services, *both daytime and evening*. Members in good standing should already have received tickets automatically during the month of August.

This year tickets will also be required for the additional seating areas outside the main sanctuary and will be available from the office for \$18 per person for Rosh Hashanah and \$18 per person for Yom Kippur.

Onegs and Break Fast

Please join us for an oneg after Erev Rosh Hashanah services at the Unitarian Center. In place of an oneg after Rosh Hashanah daytime services, bring a bag lunch and join us at Fort Point for a Seudat Mitzvah picnic before Tashlich. Maps will be available at the Unitarian Center.

Services at CSZ on the second day of

Rosh Hashanah will be followed by an oneg. There will be a large "break fast" at the Unitarian Center after Neilah, the concluding service on Yom Kippur.

Children's Services and Child Care

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, there will be children's services in the Chapel of the Unitarian Center.

To ensure that we have enough child care workers and to avoid overcrowding, child care will be provided to children whose reservations were

made by August 1.

The back rows of the Main Sanctuary and back rows of the additional seating areas will be reserved for people with small children.

Families with infants are welcome to sit there to make it easier to do the baby-bouncing walk to the lobby.

Begin the Year with a Mitzvah

There are many volunteer opportunities during the High Holidays. To find out how you can help, please call Lea Salem or Amy Clark at the CSZ office.

Sukkot Retreat Near: Register Today!

Come one, come all—men, women, singles, couples, families with kids, new members, seasoned participants! All members of our community are heartily invited to the upcoming CSZ Sukkot retreat, from September 27–29, at Camp Swig. **The registration deadline is September 6**, so if you haven't yet sent in your registration form, do it today! This fall's weekend, *Hinei Ma Tov: Gathering for Sukkot (A CSZ Community Retreat)*, promises to be a warm and relaxing opportunity for us to spend time together and to celebrate this joyous holiday. We'll join energies to build and decorate a

sukkah for us all and then enjoy our temporary dwelling place by gathering there to nosh, sing, study, play, and view the stars. In addition to this main focus, there will be Shabbat services, opportunities to hike and amble in the lovely wooded hills, a spiritual chanting workshop, discussion/study groups about the holiday and related issues, times to sing and dance and make music (including around the campfire). We'll also have plenty of time for just hanging out, resting, having fun, connecting with each other and catching our breath after the

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CSZ Yom Kippur Food Drive

We will be collecting food for our annual Yom Kippur food drive to benefit Project Open Hand. Items most needed by the Food Bank are canned proteins (tuna, salmon, sardines, chili, beans, etc), plastic jars of peanut butter, and canned fruits and vegetables. Please bring non-perishable items to Kol Nidre service (Sunday, September 22) or morning Yom Kippur service (Monday, September 23). We will be able to accept food until noon on Yom Kippur day. As we ourselves fast, remember to participate in this mitzvah.

Annual Cemetery Visit

Our annual High Holiday visit to the Sha'ar Zahav Cemetery will take place on Sunday, September 8, at 10:30 am at the Hills of Eternity in Colma. We honor the tradition of our ancestors by visiting the cemetery at this special time of year and paying our respects to those who are buried there.

Also, we follow our own CSZ tradition during our visit by reading the names of our members who have died and honoring the memory of everyone in our hearts.

The brief service will be followed by a light breakfast provided by your Cemetery Committee.

If you have any questions, please call Richard Inlander (821-4134) or the office.

President's Column

Our feelings of joy increase as 5757 approaches. We anticipate the feelings of relief and renewed hope that accompany the holidays and we gain satisfaction from the time and effort we donate to make our services meaningful for so many people.

Until Rosh Hashanah 5755, we continued to use our general fund to provide more and more services to the community for enriching the holidays. Because inclusiveness and outreach are two cornerstones at CSZ, we insisted that only by allowing free access to High Holiday services could we be true to our philosophy.

Members of Sha'ar Zahav faced the fact that the financial realities of 5755 were different from our earlier days! We decided that we were forced to charge a minimal amount for tickets to help pay the bills.

The Sha'ar Zahav community ... we hear that word community more and more nowadays. Sha'ar Zahav is building a wonderful Jewish community that is a Jewish home to many of our members. Years ago, you would have talked about family. Sha'ar Zahav was like a family. The metaphor we use has changed to one characterizing our size and complexity. It is hard to feel a sense of family when there are more than 500 members and more than 1300 people who come to welcome the New Year.

Now we face a new reality characterized by the metaphor of community: it captures the fact that we are a complex, large organization, with so much going on, so many concerns, and so many diverse needs which call for us to fulfill them. Just as our sense of inclusiveness and outreach need not mean that we should go broke following our principles, so too our sense of belonging and the feeling of being at home need not be associated only with the more homogeneous images of family. I spoke to a young member who had recently returned from a year of study. He came into the sanctuary and walked around and said "It is good to be home again. This is my shul." Home is a place. Com-



David Stein

munity relates each of us to each other, it obligates its members to help each other, building a better place to be.

Instead of the family of CSZ being its own chavurah, we now have over a dozen chavurot and as many committees that allow members to feel connected to the shul through their interest in doing things or reading things or studying. Our Sha'ar Zahav Jewish community will continue to be enriched by your membership, financial and volunteer support.

It is Rosh Hashanah 5757...such a lovely numbered year. If you are considering membership in the community, please talk to a member at the reception table set up in the lobby during the Holidays. If you just want to receive membership material, then register in the log. Each of our members commits to support the CSZ Community through our fair share dues plan. They also provide additional financial support during the holidays, as Jews have done for centuries. If you are a visitor, regular, sporadic or first-timer, please join us in this tradition! We are here for you, please make sure we continue to be so!

L'Shanah Tova.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Wanderson M. Carlos

Karen Lee Erlichman

Na'ama Schlotmit Firestone and
Lesley Ruth Levine

Yoel Kahn, Dan Bellm and Adam
Bellm Kahn

Inbal Kashtan

Richard Krieg

David Maas-Mikuls

Elizabeth, Michael and Allison
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We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

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Rosh Hashanah: Abraham's Teshuvah and Ours

by Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

This is a true story: I left shul on Rosh Hashanah, after hearing the story of the Akedah, the binding of Isaac. I got into my car and started downhill. Barely a block later, another car backed out of a driveway, directly into my path, at a distance that made a collision almost inevitable. I avoided disaster with my brakes screeching, and my stomach souring. The other driver pulled back into the driveway. I continued down hill, shaken but unscathed—rather like Isaac descending still alive from the altar.

I didn't feel like Isaac, however, but like Abraham. Like him, I had been saved by God, who made both of us alert, him to the ram in the bushes, me to the other car. God gave us both flexibility. And God gave us each the capacity for determined action.

I have imagined the Akedah many times from Sarah's and Isaac's points of view—even from the unhappy ram's—but Abraham's behavior was never real to me. He was a device to keep the plot going. The narrow escape on Rosh Hashanah changed all that. Abraham's behavior can make sense after all.

In kabbalah, Abraham is identified with chesed, loving-kindness, spontaneous altruism. However, one chassidic sage speculated that none of this came naturally, that Abraham was naturally cold-hearted rather than loving. His generosity came not from altruism but from a desire to emulate God.

Abraham succeeded as long as he kept the principle of chesed in mind, making a conscious effort. In some of the greatest crises of his life, Abraham's chesed failed him. He cared about Hagar and Ishmael, and argued with God in their favor, but when forced to send them away he didn't give them even enough water to reach another place to live. He loved Isaac, but didn't even argue for him! How sad that even when he loved, Abraham could not love deeply enough.

If this picture of Abraham is true, it was not only Isaac that the angel saved by pointing out the ram in the bush. It was Abraham as well. God, as our morning prayer assures us, rouses the sleeper and wakes the dreamer. God shocked

Abraham back into consciousness, and Abraham's God-given faculties allowed him to avoid disaster.

I like to think that when Isaac went tearing down the other side of the mountain, hurt, furious, and never wanting to see his father again, Abraham turned to God in teshuvah.

Thus we all condemn ourselves when we realize how wrong we have been. Our faults spring from following our natures without sufficient reflection—acting under pressure of time, of emotion, of desires. Imperfect as we are, we could learn nothing from myths about perfect ancestors. Instead we have here an ancestor as imperfect as ourselves, one hampered as much as helped by his natural qualities.

God saved Abraham from carrying his faulty intention to its horrible conclusion; God accepted his teshuvah and let him live to make amends to those he had wronged. If Abraham himself repented a fault, so unintentional yet so grievous, can any of our faults be bad enough to keep us from our people's God? May we all learn from his example in the awesome days ahead.

High School Chavurah

CSZ 9th through 12th graders can join fellow San Francisco students at the San Francisco High School Chavurah, a new supplementary Jewish community high school program. Classes will take place at Congregation Beth Sholom on Mondays from 6-8 pm.

Students will study Jewish ethics, civics, history, religious thinking and culture, as well as Hebrew language and preparation for college and family life. Other activities include Israeli folk dancing and music, social action projects and a weekend retreat. Participants are eligible for the Summer in Israel Youth Program (SIIYUP).

The program is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation Endowment Fund, the Bureau of Jewish Education and Congregations Beth Sholom, Emanu El and Sherith Israel. For more information, call the director, Yael Lazar-Paley (751-6983, ext. 124).

Rabbi Search

We suspect that many of you have questions about the search for a new rabbi for CSZ. Where are we in the process? Several months ago, the Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) received a "panel"—resumes from rabbis interested in applying for the job at CSZ—from the placement office of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), which facilitates job searching for Reform rabbis and Reform synagogues. The RSC reviewed every resume and asked candidates to provide us with some additional written material.

Eventually, we exhausted the entire list. Some candidates withdrew (when they got job offers elsewhere or realized that the match was not right). Some candidates we rejected on the basis of the written materials. Some candidates we rejected after interviewing them over the phone. One candidate remains under consideration, but we need to discuss it further.

So what happens next? The RSC should receive another panel from the CCAR after the High Holidays. (We will include the candidate still under consideration with this panel.) Because we have perfected our own process (requesting more material, reviewing the written material, interviewing over the phone, weeding out candidates), we expect to evaluate these candidates fairly quickly and hope to bring a candidate or two to San Francisco by late fall or early winter.

Why is it taking so long? It's really not. Many synagogues spend up to two years finding the right rabbi. In fact, CSZ took two years in the search that eventually brought Rabbi Kahn to the synagogue. Even so, we feel that there are two fundamental reasons we did not hire from the first panel:

- In the optimal rabbi search "cycle," a congregation requests a panel from the CCAR shortly after High Holidays, when rabbis begin looking for new jobs. Rabbi Kahn did not announce his retirement until November of 1995. By the time we requested a panel, many rabbis who had been looking had already obtained new jobs.

- We are an extraordinary congregation in many respects. While many of the candidates we rejected are fine rabbis and will make many a congregation hap-

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Adult Education at CSZ Is Taking Off...

Fall is here, time (once again) to think about new beginnings, setting new goals and challenging yourself to start some new projects. The Adult Education program at CSZ is trying to provide classes that will appeal to our members and challenge us as Jews. All of the following educational events and classes being offered by the Adult Education Committee will meet at CSZ unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions please call Claire Rappoport (824-5007) or the CSZ office.

September

A CSZ Community Retreat: *Celebrating Sukkot at Camp Swig, September 27-29, 1996.* (See accompanying article in this issue.) Registration forms have been mailed to all members and are due September 6. Call Tiela Chalmers (431-4312) with questions.

October

Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew
—1. Eight sessions: Wednesday, 7-9 pm, October 16-December 11, 1996 (no class November 27). Taught by Phyllis Mintzer. Prerequisite: knowledge of Hebrew

alephbet and pronunciation.

Registration should be made through *Lehrhaus Judaica* (510/845-6420). The textbook, *Prayerbook Hebrew: The Easy Way* (2nd Edition), Anderson *et al.* (eds.), may be obtained through the CSZ office (\$19.80) or ordered from Jewish bookstores throughout the Bay Area. Fee: \$50 members/\$65 non-members, plus textbook.

Torah Study. Ongoing, once monthly, with the initial meeting date October 24, from 7-9 pm (optional potluck beginning at 6:30pm). The class will decide what time of the week it will continue to meet. The study sessions will be led by Phyllis Mintzer and limited to 15 people. Fee: \$10/class for CSZ members only.

B'nai Mitzvah Student Discussion Group. This class is open to those adults preparing for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. If you are interested in attending and are not already in the class, please call for more details. Free to students.

Other events are planned for later in the fall and in the spring and will be announced in future editions of the *Gaily Forward*.

July Va'ad Minutes

—David Gellman

Tiela Chalmers introduced new members of the Va'ad to its functions, traditions and responsibilities. They were also introduced to the administrative staff and the workings of the congregation.

New treasurer Leah Wolf introduced herself and her hopes to streamline procedures and make financial information clearer and more reliable. David Stein announced a recent donation which will assist in software upgrades to implement these goals.

Ron Lezell explained the affiliation of our congregation with other Jewish organizations. A motion that CSZ continue its support for ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) as a check-off organization was approved. We are seeking a new representative to the UAHC AIDS commission and a new person to serve as liaison to the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews.

David Stein proposed a new Kadimah Board to work with the educators and the Rabbi to prepare budgets and create policies for B'nai Mitzvot. In the interim, a task force appointed by the president and approved by the Va'ad will explore the possibility of creating a more formal body.

The task force members are Ruth Rainero, Kim Klausner, Ron Lezell, Byron Sigal, Diana Buchbinder, and David Gellman as Va'ad liaison. Ron Lezell reported that the youngest Kadimah group will now meet on Sundays but the sanctuary will remain available. At least two of our Kadimah teachers will be returning in the fall.

Tiela Chalmers reported plans to have the High Holiday machzorim rebound without significant additional costs, and money from the Prayerbook Fund was approved for this purpose. An allocation of \$180 was approved from the Social Action restricted fund for the UAHC Rebuilding Faith Drive to assist in the rebuilding of recently burned churches.

Plans are being made for regular ASL sign interpreting for services and our accessibility program will be pursued this year. Installation of new Va'ad members and officers was scheduled for July 19. New members were approved and are listed elsewhere in this issue.

E-mail

The office has a new e-mail address:
shaarzahav@igc.apc.com

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Members of the congregation receive the *Forward*. For \$18/year, nonmembers will receive a *Forward* subscription.

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HIV + Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners. Support groups are facilitated by Robert Tat and will meet Saturday, September 21 and Saturday, October 19 from 3-5 pm.

If you would like to be on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office (861-6932). Join us.

August Va'ad Minutes

—Mark Bowers

The Va'ad reviewed and unanimously approved a proposal by Education Committee Chair Claire Rappoport to fund a year-long program of adult education classes, including a series of cultural enrichment presentations by visiting scholars and lecturers, and Camp Swig events. Classes will include Prayerbook Hebrew I and II and Advanced Hebrew, Torah Study and accessing Jewish/Gay Resources on the Internet. Jewish cultural classes will include Cooking with Jeff: Gastronomic Delights through Jewish Cooking, Keeping Those Hands Busy? Crocheting Kippot with Trudi, Learning Yiddish with Rich, and a quarterly Bikkur Cholim workshop. Funding sources will be divided between Ma'ayan campaign monies and Adult Education monies.

The Dues Committee reported that many pledges have remained at the same amount as last year, apparently because some people have not noticed or heeded the new guidelines. Other pledges have substantially increased.

Treasurer Leah Wolf has been working diligently to increase accountability and accuracy in CSZ finances. She proposed that payroll processing be done by an outside payroll processing company, at a savings over the current system of processing. This proposal was unanimously accepted. Leah also proposed strategies to streamline cash management and check writing, both of which were also unanimously approved. The Treasurer's first Statement of Activity,

produced by newly acquired software, was circulated, appreciated and applauded, with an expression of gratitude to the office staff for their help.

President David Stein drew the attention of the Va'ad to the large number of chavurot that have spontaneously organized at Sha'ar Zahav. The congregation is truly one in which participation in community is valuable and valued, and this is reflected in the wide scope of activities undertaken by the various chavurot. These chavurot, combined with the many standing committees, provide a remarkably wide range of venues for participation in CSZ congregational life.

Office Administrator Lea Salem announced that the outer locks at the synagogue have been changed. She also informed the Va'ad that High Holidays passes will be distributed at the end of August. Both the Sanctuary and additional seating areas are expected to be full again this year. Advertisements have been placed locally, and a deadline for ticket sales has been set for September 5.

Lisa Katz noted that there has been a 100% turnover in people who are staffing and planning this year's High Holidays. Extra efforts will be made to ensure that everything that needs to be done, gets done. Sign language interpretation will again be provided for services. Diana Buchbinder added that this year there will not be a teenagers' quiet room; instead, teens will be invited to participate more fully in adult activities.

Tiela Chalmers reported to the Va'ad

about the evaluations of the 1996 Advance. The event was a success in the eyes of most of the participants, and reservations have been made to secure Wildwood Resort again for next August 1-3. The cost for participation is expected to increase slightly.

Ma'ayan Update

Our Annual Campaign, Ma'ayan 5756, was a resounding success. We raised \$17,585 to support the expansion of vital CSZ programs and services. Since our last report, generous gifts were received from:

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Ron Wilmot

Gay iz Mir... Is Here for You!

What's in a name? After three years of performances and practices, CSZ's own 12-piece klezmer house band has a name: **Gay iz Mir**.

Gay iz Mir is available to play at your simcha, party or picnic. Over the past few years, we've performed at Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, commitment ceremonies, CSZ Chanukah, Purim and Simchat Torah parties, two Freedom Day Parades, a company picnic—even San Francisco's Making Waves Festival. And we're ready to perform for you! Hire **Gay iz Mir** and you'll be supporting CSZ at the same time. The very reasonable fee (discounted for CSZ members) covers band expenses and contributes to the synagogue general fund.

From freylechs to doynas, **Gay iz Mir** will treat you to old-time klezmer with a CSZ twist. To find out more about **Gay iz Mir**, contact Devra Felder Noily (753-5097).



Gay iz Mir Klezmer Band

Oneg Schedule

As described in the October 1995 *Forward*, every CSZ member who lives in the immediate Bay Area has been assigned to volunteer at one oneg each year. The schedule for the next three months is below. (If you have asked the synagogue not to print your name in the newsletter, your name will not appear on the schedule; however, you are still assigned for the week where your name falls alphabetically.) You'll also be called or sent a postcard reminding you that your week is coming up. Volunteering means:

Sept. 6

M. Shaps
R. Shelton
J. Sherman
B. Shields & D. Wald
S. Shotland
J. Shuman
B. Siegel

Sept. 20

K. Simon
M. Singer
R. Sinkoff
N. Smith
M. Spector
S. Sporn
S. Stahl
L. Steinberg

Sept. 27

A. Stern
R. Stern
D. & D. Stier
M. Sullivan
D. Supornick
R. Talansky
E. Tanovitz
R. Tat

Oct. 4

S. Thal
M. Troy
S. Tubbesing
L. Ubell
D. Udin
S. Unger
S. Unger
D. Vinicoff

Oct. 11

R. Wahba
S. Walters
A. Wariner
D. Wasserman
N. Wecker

- set up the oneg (come at 7:30 and put on hot water, pour juice/wine, set out food)

- clean up the oneg (put away food/drinks, collect plates, wash dishes, wipe off tables)

- bring food (cookies, cake, kugel, cut vegetables, fruit or whatever you want, as long as it's vegetarian).

Please call the oneg chair, Allan Giannini (255-8117), a week in advance to confirm what you want to do. We'll provide instructions for people setting up

E. Weinstein

L. Weiss
R. Weiss

Oct. 18

R. Weissberg
S. Weitz
L. Wexler
M. Whitebook
S. Wiesner
R. Wilmot
R. Wilson
R. Wolberg

Oct. 25

L. Wolf
J. Wolfe
S. Wolper
K. Woodruff
L. Wuennenberg
F. Yellin
H. Zaid
M. Zimmerman
A. Zusman

and cleaning up.

Participation each week is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the primary goal being getting enough people to set up and clean up. If you have circumstances which make it impossible for you to ever help with an oneg, please let Allan know.

If you have volunteered at an oneg since August 4, 1995, you have fulfilled your 1995-96 oneg obligation and can ignore your name when it appears.

Classifieds

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HEBREW! Because it's interesting, logical, easy & fun! Did you know that the words earth, Adam, red, silence & blood all come from the same root? Cool Huh? For more info call Greta Miskatel (455-0416). First class free — special rates for CSZ members.

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Rabbi Search

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py, they were not right for us. This is not to say that we are looking for a superhuman person. But certain traits or experiences are non-negotiable, such as a desire to work with a lay-led synagogue, willingness to share the bimah, experience counseling people with AIDS and strong familiarity with gay and lesbian issues. In addition, using the input from the congregation, we have ranked the desired traits and functions of the rabbi. The candidate must meet all of our top priorities.

We do not want to settle for someone, only to have to let the rabbi go and start the process all over again. We would rather take the time now and find the person who will be our spiritual leader for a good long time.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to jot them down and either send them to the synagogue (care of the Rabbi Search Committee) or e-mail them to the co-chairs: robinl@nolo.com (Robin Leonard) and agold8946@aol.com (Allan Gold).

Enjoy a Mitzvah!

Can one perform a mitzvah and enjoy it? Yes! Join members of the Bikkur Cholim who visit with Jewish residents at board and care homes. Visits are made during the High Holidays, Chanukah, and Passover.

We tell stories of the holidays, sing songs and share festive food. Visiting children and pets are a special joy.

Come share apples and honey at the High Holiday visit on Saturday, September 21. For information call Florence Nacamulli (255-6450).

Retreat

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High Holidays.

Childcare will be provided for portions of the weekend; for more information on childcare or children's activities, contact Tiela Chalmers (431-4312). If you have any other questions or want to see if there are any openings left after the registration deadline, please call Tiela or Claire Rappoport (824-5007). Hope to see you there!

Introducing Researcher Stephen Bayer

Stephen Bayer is a visiting researcher from Yale University who will be attending Shabbat services and congregational activities over the next year. He will study the development of the congregation, its importance to members, and its relationship to other gay and lesbian communities, organizations, and social movement activities in San Francisco. Stephen has offered to volunteer at CSZ while he is doing his research.

Stephen is especially interested in talking with members about their participation in CSZ and learning how the congregation has changed over the past two decades. Feel free to talk to him after services and to discuss your experiences with him and be assured that your privacy and requests for confidentiality will be respected. If you wish to contact Stephen outside of services, he can be reached at home (431-9084) or via e-mail: stephen.bayer@yale.edu.

Thanks for Being Proud

Thanks to all who helped lead CSZ's contingent in the Pride Parade on June 30, especially Alison Cohen, Judith Cohen, Stephan Howard, Alex Ingersoll, Dana Katz, Rich Krieg, Ida Kuluk, Nancy Levin, Eloise Magenheim, Dave Medlin, Jacob Rothman, Susan Spott, and David Stein. If I have omitted your name, please accept my apologies.

—Joe Hample

Too Jewish?

A provocative multi-media group exhibition from New York entitled *Too Jewish? Challenging Traditional Identities* will have its West Coast premiere at the San Francisco Jewish Museum from September 16 to January 5. Featuring 45 works by 23 artists, the exhibit will include paintings, drawings, sculpture, installation, assemblage and art videos by gay and lesbian contemporary artists. An array of lectures, seminars and performances on Jewish identity and popular culture are also planned.

What binds this group is not a stylistic homogeneity, but rather the attitude present in their ideas and working methods, an obsessive, confrontational and often humorous approach to different ways of representing identity. They question: Who are we? Who represents us? How do we represent ourselves? In essence, just what is too Jewish? The irony and parody implicit in their projects encourage the viewer to ponder difficult political, social and personal concerns.

CSZ Administrator Lea Salem, who saw the show in New York, says that it is not to be missed. For more information, call the office.

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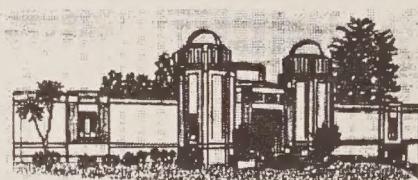
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To the following participants of the Israel Trip for the donation of a new Havdalah Set to CSZ: **John Atteridge, Judith Cohen, Bill Denebeim, Steve Elman, Jonathan Goldman, Joe Hample, Tom Holt, Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Rich Krieg, Nancy Levin, Scott Levine, Susan Lubeck, Dave Medlin, Claire Rappoport, Eve Rappoport, Mark Showalter, Mark Vogel & Frank Yellin**



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Neil Hart, on the deaths of his cousin David Gottesman and his aunt Sara Feldman.

Ruth Schoenbach, on the death of her grandmother, Lotte Fairbrook.

Simma Lieberman, on the death of her friend, Russel Lerner.

Sandy O'Neil, on the death of her friend, T.J. Anthony.

Allyn Stern, on the death of her grandmother.

Yizkor Elohim

Peter Rosenfeld

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Anniversaries

1 Jeffrey Rubin & Frank Bush
 1 Debra Chasnof & Kim Klausner
 4 Alan Michels & Laureen Ok Sun Kim
 5 Susan Gelmis & Ilene Dick
 8 Claudia Bernard & Howard Herman
 13 Randy Heilbrunn & Lou Boudreau
 13 Brooke Shields & Deborah Wald
 13 Nancy Meyer & Marilyn O'Keeffe
 13 Dev & Sara Felder Noily
 17 Melissa Grossman & Angie Naples
 18 Alice Prussin & Smokey Cormier
 19 Richard Inlander & Ben Schalit
 22 Ronald Wilmot & Jim O'Donnell
 23 Batya Kalis & Marion Trentman
 29 Shelley Eisenman & Julie Moed
 30 Susan Unger & Pam Erwin

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Naches

To Carolyn Pines, Judy Schwartz and sister Hannah on the arrival of Emma Sophie Madelaine Pines-Schwartz.

To Leora Eisenberg on being accepted to the Master of Social Welfare program at UC Berkeley this fall.

To Jose Luis Moscovich and Robert Schwartz on their new home.

To Michael Chertok on his new home.

To Kathy Simon and Inbal Kashtan on their kiddushin.

To Allan Gold on celebrating his 50th birthday.

To Tess Johnson on her new job as Director of Social Work at San Francisco Community Convalescent Hospital.

To Jeff Rubin and Frank Bush on celebrating their 15th anniversary.

To Debbie Wald and Brooke Shields on celebrating their 15th anniversary.

To David Couch and Nancy Halloran on celebrating their 10th anniversary.

To Ilana Bernstein and Diane Desmond on celebrating their 10th anniversary.

To Tova Green and Fran Peavey on celebrating their 5th anniversary.

To Julie Moed and Shelley Eisenman on celebrating their 5th anniversary.

Onegs

These generous people have sponsored the Oneg Shabbat over the past few months:

5/10 Ora Prochovnick and Rena Frantz, in honor of their wedding

5/24 A friend of the congregation, in celebration of life

5/31 Ritual Committee, in honor of Jonathan Comisar

6/14 Lisa Ochs and Lea Salem, in honor of their wedding

6/28 Sam Kaplan, in honor of Rabbi Kahn's distinguished service to the community and Sha'ar Zahav ... with deepest respect and admiration

7/5 Ron Moskowitz, in memory of Bessie Shapiro Moskowitz

7/5 Flowers provided by Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in honor of Jonathan's parents' visit

7/12 The CSZ Membership Committee, in honor of our new members

7/19 CSZ, in honor of the new Va'ad Members and Officers

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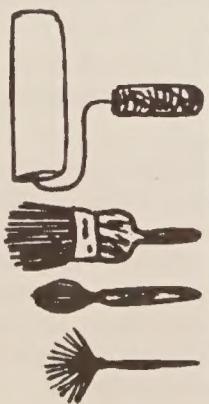
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 2 Simma Lieberman
 3 David Israels
 5 Karren Shorofsky
 7 Alvin Baum
 8 Ellen Press
 8 Ray Feinstein Cagan
 9 Jeremy Hoffman
 9 Anna Lisker
 9 Edward Lopatin
 9 Mark Weisman
 10 Aaron Bekker-Dulmage
 10 Sandy O'Neill
 12 Robin Leonard
 12 Nicole Bloom
 13 Eva Galanes Rosenbaum
 13 Lisa Wuennenberg
 13 William Snow
 13 Paul Margolis
 15 Mark Oliver
 17 Arlene Elster
 17 Rachel Mailman
 19 Robert Tat
 19 Sophia Klain-Chavez
 20 Mark Klaiman
 20 Elizabeth Katz
 21 Claire Hoch-Frohman
 21 Steven Cronenwalt
 22 Raena Frohlich
 22 Roslyn Fuerman
 23 Callain Ludden-Moses
 23 Marianne Ades
 27 Sharma Lynn Gaponoff
 28 Ellen Goldstein
 28 Daphne Stuart
 28 Alex Pekka Hall
 28 John Atteridge
 28 Arthur Cohen
 29 Judith Wolfe
 29 Simon Glinsky
 30 Michael Portman
 30 Gary Birnbaum

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Members' Yahrzeits

We recall the anniversaries of the deaths of CSZ members.

2 John Golebowski
 15 David Pierce
 18 Frank Hyman
 18 Penny Dachinger
 19 Gershon Lieberman
 27 Drew Siegel

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Robin Leonard, liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am—check calendar for each month. Morning Minyan meets Fridays at 7:45 am.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30-8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

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SEPTEMBER

אול-תשרי

1 Sunday 17 Elul	10 Tuesday 26 Elul	18 Wednesday 5 Tishri	24 Tuesday 11 Tishri
2 Monday 18 Elul Labor Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">Office closed6 pm, Healing service	11 Wednesday 27 Elul <ul style="list-style-type: none">7 pm, Newsletter editing	19 Thursday 6 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">7 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting	25 Wednesday 12 Tishri
3 Tuesday 19 Elul	12 Thursday 28 Elul	20 Friday 7 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Shabbat Shuva, Daniel Chesir and Batya Kalis8:15 pm, East Bay service	26 Thursday 13 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">6:30 pm, Ritual Committee7 pm, Newsletter distribution
4 Wednesday 20 Elul	13 Friday 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30 pm, Erev Rosh Hashanah	21 Saturday 8 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bikkur Cholim visits9:30 am, Kadimah3 pm, HIV+ Support GroupParashah Ha'azinu	27 Friday 14 Tishri Sukkot <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sukkot retreat at Camp Swig8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Lolma Olson and Kathy Simon
5 Thursday 21 Elul	14 Saturday 1 Tishri Rosh Hashanah <ul style="list-style-type: none">No Kadimah10 am, Children's service1 pm, Tashlich service at Fort Point	22 Sunday 9 Tishri Kol Nidre <ul style="list-style-type: none">10 am, Kadimah: Nitzanim only7:30 pm, Kol Nidre service	28 Saturday 15 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sukkot retreat at Camp Swig9:30 am, Kadimah
6 Friday 22 Elul <ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Larry Wexler and Rena Fisher	15 Sunday 2 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30 am, Rosh Hashanah service	23 Monday 10 Tishri Yom Kippur <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30 am, Yom Kippur morning service10 am, Children's service1 pm, Discussion groups3:30 pm, Mincha service5:30 pm, Yizkor service6:15 pm, Neilah service	29 Sunday 16 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sukkot retreat at Camp Swig
7 Saturday 23 Elul <ul style="list-style-type: none">10 am, Kadimah9 pm, Selichot service: Martha Rosett, Larry Wexler, Eileen Levy, Parshot Nitzavim-Va-Yelech	16 Monday 3 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">6 pm, Healing service7 pm, Newsletter layout meeting	30 Monday 17 Tishri	
8 Sunday 24 Elul <ul style="list-style-type: none">10:30 am, Cemetery visit	17 Tuesday 4 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none">7 pm, Membership Committee		
9 Monday 25 Elul <ul style="list-style-type: none">6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting			

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

Note: The Friday morning minyan is suspended during September. It will resume the first Friday in October.

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Allergy	No wait unless suffering from an allergy "attack"
Abortion/Miscarriage	6 week wait if pregnancy terminated in 3rd trimester, otherwise no wait
Acupuncture: Depends on type of sterilization technique used	
Alcohol Consumption	No wait unless intoxicated
Anemia (past diagnosis)	No wait if corrected
Blood donation, Apheresis	48 hours
Blood donation, Whole	Every 8 weeks
Blood or Plasma Transfusion	12 months
Cancer: Treated surgically or with radiation	5 years
Cough, Cold, Sore Throat	Until well; no symptoms
Diabetes	No wait if medically controlled
Ear & Body Piercing	See Acupuncture
Electrolysis	See Acupuncture
Gonorrhea	12 months
Heart Disease	
- Angina or heart attack (M.I.) (no heart medication)	1 year
- Angioplasty or bypass surgery (no heart medication)	1 year
Hepatitis Contact	Depends on type
Herpes	Free of fever/systemic symptoms
High Blood Pressure	No wait if medically controlled
Malaria	3 years
- immigration from malarial area	3 years
- travel to malarial area:	
with use of anti-malarial medicine	1 year
without use of anti-malarial medicine	1 year
Pregnancy	6 week wait after delivery
Recent Surgery	When released from M.D.'s care
Syphilis	12 months
Tattoo	12 months

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TB Skin Test	48 hours
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Typhoid and Cholera	No wait

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Accutane	1 month
Allergy Medications	No wait
Antibuse	72 hours
Antibiotics	3 days depending on indication
Flagyl	3 days
High Blood Pressure Medicine	No wait
Oral Contraceptives	No wait
Recreational Drugs (without injection)	No wait
Tegison (for psoriasis)	Permanently deferred
Tetracycline for acne	No wait
Vitamins	No wait